

Amended Claim 31 in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i)

31. (amended) A method for treating cardiovascular disease in a human or other animal in need of treatment thereof comprising administering to said human or other animal a DNA plasmid-based vaccine comprising a DNA segment comprising a nucleotide sequence coding for an immunogenic polypeptide, which nucleotide sequence includes at least one segment coding for a B cell epitope of CETP linked in-frame with at least one segment coding for a broad range helper T cell epitope, which nucleotide sequence is operably linked to a promoter sequence suitable for directing the transcription of the nucleotide sequence in a mammalian cell.